

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2268

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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KUWAIT PASS DOHA

BEIRUT FOR RCAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, TC

SUBJ: UAE AIRLINE GROUNDED

REFS: A) BEIRUT 13989 B) BEIRUT 14017 C) ABU DHABI 1313

1. INFOPXATION AVAILABLE LOCALLY SUPPORTS FINDINGS REFS  
A AND B THAT SHEIKH ZAYID HAS DECIDED SUPPORT GULFAIR AND  
HAS DROPPED PLANS FOR UAE AIRLINE. ACCORDING TO UK  
COMMERCIAL OFFICER, PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES  
HAD OFFERED UAE TO PROVIDE STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT FOR  
ITS AIRLINE IN RETURN FOR MONEY TO BUY FOUR BAC-111  
AIRCRAFT. BUT WHEN PIA APPROACHED BRITISH AVIATION,  
PROMISING TO PAY WHEN UAE HAD SIGNED MANAGEMENT  
CONTRACT, BAC LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SELLING  
UNDER SUCH TERMS. KUWAIT AIR'S MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL,  
REPORTED REF C, HAS ALSO BEEN DROPPED.

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2. NO ONE HERE KNOWS WHO WILL REPRESENT ABU DHABI/UAE  
ON GULFAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF, AS REPORTED REF B,  
SUPPORT FOR UAE AIRLINE COMES FROM DUBAI, THEN UAE  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, A PROMINENT DUBAIAN, IS  
UNLIKELY CANDIDATE FOR UAE REPRESENTATIVE.

3. COMMENT:  
DUBAI HAS NEVER BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT  
PARTICIPATION IN GULFAIR, BUT IT MOST UNLIKELY  
SHEIKH RASHID WILLING FINANCE AIRLINE ON HIS OWN,  
ESPECIALLY IF IT WILL NOT MAKE PROFIT FOR HIM.  
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